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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING VIRAL RECEPTOR/CO-RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF

VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT

VIRUS ASSAYS

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed September 6, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow, and the interview held December 19, 2005. Filed herewith are:

- 1) a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for three months' extension of time for response;
 - 2) a Declaration under Rule 132 of Robert C. Doms; and
 - 3) a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.